


# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** January 14, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development  
**RE:** Friday Report   
**CC:** Board of Aldermen  
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

<b>Monday</b> <b>01/17/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday ~ City Hall Closed</b></li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>01/18/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor's State of the City Address, 7:45 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>01/19/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• West Newton Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., Newton Community Service Center, 492 Waltham Street</li><li>• Community Preservation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville</li><li>• Urban Design Commission, 7:00 p.m., Planning and Development Conference Room (Basement Level)</li><li>• Public Safety &amp; Transportation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>01/20/11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land Use Committee – Working Session, 7:00 p.m., Room 222</li><li>• Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>

- **West Newton Advisory Committee:** The Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Newton Community Service Center, 492 Waltham Street, Cooper Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Agenda items include recommending the final projects and budgets for FY12. **Contact Danielle Bailey at 617 796-1139 or [dbailey@newtonma.gov](mailto:d Bailey@newtonma.gov).**
- **Community Preservation Committee (CPC):** The CPC will meet on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street in Newtonville. There will be working sessions for proposals to create community housing at **61 Pearl Street** and **112-116 Dedham Street**, as well as discussion of a pre-proposal for a **survey of historic City buildings** and of the fy12 budget. The full text of all proposals is online at [www.newtonma.gov/cpa/projects.htm](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa/projects.htm). For further information **contact Alice Ingerson at 617.796.1144 or [aingerson@newtonma.gov](mailto:aingerson@newtonma.gov)**. **If a storm is predicted, please call 617.796.1144 after noon on January 19<sup>th</sup> for a recorded message confirming or canceling the meeting.**
- **Urban Design Commission:** The Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Room 203. The following proposals will be reviewed: recovering of an existing awning for Auburndale Dental at **2098 Commonwealth Avenue**; new sign for Century Bank at **32 Langley Road**; new sign for Portobello Road at **23 Boylston Street**; and replacements for existing freestanding and wall signs at Clark & White Autos at **777 Washington Street**. **Contact Derek Valentine at 617.796.1123 or [dvalentine@newtonma.gov](mailto:dvalentine@newtonma.gov).**
- **Land Use Committee – Working Session:** The Committee will hold a Working Session on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Room 222. The following petitions will be reviewed: **#300-10**, request to extend a nonconforming use and structure to expand an existing funeral home use; construct a retaining wall greater than four feet in the side and rear setback, waive 38 parking stalls, and to locate a parking stall in the front setback and closer than five feet to the street at **1479 Washington St.**; **#268-02(2)**, for approval of a restaurant having more than 50 seats (increase from 48 to 76 seats) and waiver of three required parking spaces for a

restaurant located at **1349 Washington Street**. Contact **Alexandra Ananth** at **617.796.1121** or [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).

- **Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission:** The Commission will meet on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202. Items on the agenda include: **33 Kingsbury Road** request to demolish existing garage and construct new garage, alter driveway and add walkway; **109 Old Orchard Road** request to construct detached garage, alter driveway, add walkway and alter porch; **170 Suffolk Road** request to change house to Colonial Revival style and add new roof shape, entry portico, mudroom addition, deck, garage doors, windows, chimney and replace roof and siding. **Administrative Discussion:** Approval of meeting minutes. **Contact Brian Lever** at **617.796.1129** or [blever@newtonma.gov](mailto:blever@newtonma.gov).
- **"Let's Make Everyone Count:"** The national point-in-time count of homeless people will take place on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The City of Newton will work with the neighboring communities of Brookline, Waltham and Watertown to conduct a coordinated count of the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population on that day. This data will be used to inform local, regional, state and federal planning and policy in the effort to end homelessness. **Contact Amy Yuhasz** at **617.796.1122** or [ayuhasz@newtonma.gov](mailto:ayuhasz@newtonma.gov).
- **Public Safety and Transportation Committee:** The Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Room 202, Newton City Hall. A detailed agenda can be found at [www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm](http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm). **Contact David Koses** at **617.796.1133** or [dkoses@newtonma.gov](mailto:dkoses@newtonma.gov).
- **Experience in Economic Development?** The Economic Development Commission (EDC) is looking for new members. Established to promote and develop business and industry to strengthen the local economy, provide jobs, and expand the City's tax base, the members study and investigate commercial projects, promote and encourage business development, and advise elected officials and staff on appropriate economic development strategies. Newton residents with business and financial expertise and a special interest in Newton's economic growth are encouraged to apply. The EDC meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209, Newton City Hall. **For more information, contact Amanda Stout** at **617.796.1127** or [astout@newtonma.gov](mailto:astout@newtonma.gov). **If interested, send resume and/or letter of interest to Sarah Ecker** at [secker@newtonma.gov](mailto:secker@newtonma.gov).
- **Interested in Urban Design?** The Urban Design Commission (UDC) is seeking members with expertise in city planning, landscape architecture, horticulture, arboriculture, architecture and other related disciplines. Their charge is to preserve, improve and develop the physical environment of the City. They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Newton City Hall. **For more information, contact Derek Valentine** at **617.796.1123** or [dvalentine@newtonma.gov](mailto:dvalentine@newtonma.gov). **If interested, send resume and/or letter of interest to Sarah Ecker** at [secker@newtonma.gov](mailto:secker@newtonma.gov).
- **Transportation Advisory Committee - Subcommittees:** Mayor Warren invites you to participate in one of several subcommittees that have been formed to provide guidance to various transportation-related concerns. The following subcommittees have been created: (1) Parking; (2) Youth and Senior Travel; (3) Urban Fabric; (4) Outreach and Engagement; and (5) Transportation Planning & Complete Streets. Each subcommittee will meet over the next several months and make recommendations to the Mayor's new Transportation Advisory Committee. Committees are open to any Newton resident or employee. **Contact David Koses** at **617.796.1133** or [dkoses@newtonma.gov](mailto:dkoses@newtonma.gov).